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Clearly defined error bars

See the web collection on statistics for biologists for further resources and guidance.

Software

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Data was analyzed with Fiji version1.0/ImageJ (NIH), Matlab 20016a and Graphpad Prism7.

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8. Materials availability

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All materials are available upon request.

9. Antibodies

Describe the antibodies used and how they were validated for use in the system under study (i.e. assay and species).

All antibodies used are from commercial sources, verified by manufacture quality control. Catalog numbers described in methods section.

10. Eukaryotic cell lines

- a. State the source of each eukaryotic cell line used.
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HEK293T cells were obtained from ATCC through UC Berkeley Cell Culture Facility.

Cells were authenticated by ATCC and UC Berkeley Cell Culture Facility.

Cells were tested for myoplasma by UC Berkeley Cell Culture Facility.

No commonly misidentified cell lines were used.

▶ Animals and human research participants

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11. Description of research animals

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Zebrafish Embryos or larvae from 2-6 days post fertilization of the AB and TL strains were used in this study. Sex determination is not applicable at these stages. The following mutants or transgenic lines were used: Calamitygw71 mutants (Calgw71), nacre/mitfa(-/-)mutants, Tg(elavl3:GCaMP5), Tg(dbh:mCherry), and Tg(dbh:eGFP).

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The study did not involve human research participants.

